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**AMENDMENT AFTER DECISION ON APPEAL**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2004, having a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 21, 2004, and the Office Communication mailed December 22, 2003 (Paper No. 28), please enter the following amendments and consider the Remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims are represented by the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.